

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (original) A spray-dried composition comprising one or more active ingredients dispersed in a carrier wherein said carrier comprises at least one wall-forming carbohydrate material and from 1 to 30% by weight of agar agar, relative to the dried weight of the composition.
2. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, which comprises from 0.01 to 50% of a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of a mono- and a disaccharide.
3. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises from 1 to 20% by weight of agar agar, relative to the dried weight of the composition.
4. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises from 1 to 15% by weight of agar agar, relative to the dried weight of the composition.
5. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, wherein the wall-forming carbohydrate material is selected from the group consisting of maltodextrin, corn syrup, chemically modified starch, hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, and succinylated or hydrolyzed starch.
6. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 5, wherein the wall forming consists of maltodextrin.
7. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 6, which comprises from 0.01 to 50% of a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of a mono- and a disaccharide.

8. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, which comprises from 1 to 30% by weight of an emulsifier, relative to the dried weight of the composition.
9. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is a perfuming ingredient.
10. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is a flavoring ingredient.
11. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, comprising from 1 to 60% of active ingredient relative to the dried weight of the composition.
12. (original) A spray-dried composition according to claim 1, comprising from 20 to 50% of active ingredient relative to the dried weight of the composition.
13. (cancelled herein)
14. (cancelled herein)
15. (cancelled herein)
16. (cancelled herein)
17. (amended herein) A granular delivery system obtainable by a method according to claim 16 comprising the steps of:
- a) forming an aqueous emulsion of an active ingredient dispersed in a carrier comprising at least one wall-forming carbohydrate material and from 1 to 30% of agar agar;
 - b) homogenizing the emulsion; and
 - c) spray-drying the emulsion to form the granular delivery system as a particulate product.
18. (cancelled herein)

19. (amended herein) A multi-stage spray-dried powder obtainable by a method according to ~~claim 18~~ comprising the steps of:

- a) forming an aqueous emulsion of an active ingredient dispersed in a carrier comprising at least one wall-forming carbohydrate material and from 1 to 30% of agar agar;
- b) homogenizing the emulsion;
- c) spray-drying the emulsion to form a particulate product; and
- d) further encapsulating the spray dried product; wherein the encapsulation consists in spray-drying the particulate product in order to form a multi-stage spray-dried powder.

20. (cancelled herein)

21. (cancelled herein)

22. (cancelled herein)

Please add the following new claims:

23. (new) A granular delivery system according to claim 17, which comprises from 0.01 to 50% of a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of a mono- and a disaccharide or from 1 to 30% by weight of an emulsifier, relative to the dried weight of the composition.

24. (new) A granular delivery system according to claim 17, wherein the wall-forming carbohydrate material is selected from the group consisting of maltodextrin, corn syrup, chemically modified starch, hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, and succinylated or hydrolyzed starch.

25. (new) A granular delivery system according to claim 17, wherein the active ingredient is a perfuming ingredient and is present in an amount of from 1 to 60% relative to the dried weight of the composition.

26. (new) A granular delivery system according to claim 17, wherein the active ingredient is a flavoring ingredient and is present in an amount of from 1 to 60% relative to the dried weight of the composition.

27. (new) A multi-stage spray-dried powder according to claim 19, which comprises from 0.01 to 50% of a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of a mono- and a disaccharide or from 1 to 30% by weight of an emulsifier, relative to the dried weight of the composition.

28. (new) A multi-stage spray-dried powder according to claim 19, wherein the wall-forming carbohydrate material is selected from the group consisting of maltodextrin, corn syrup, chemically modified starch, hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, and succinylated or hydrolyzed starch.

29. (new) A multi-stage spray-dried powder according to claim 19, wherein the active ingredient is a perfuming ingredient and is present in an amount of from 1 to 60% relative to the dried weight of the composition.

30. (new) A multi-stage spray-dried powder according to claim 19, wherein the active ingredient is a flavoring ingredient and is present in an amount of from 1 to 60% relative to the dried weight of the composition.